

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. A supplemental examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Suzannah Sundby on 07/17/2009.

2. **In the specification:**

- On page 2 of the specification after "**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**", insert the following after line 29:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a graph showing the relative activity of strain MA32.

FIG. 2 is a graph showing the relative activity of strain MA113.

FIG. 3 is a graph showing the relative activities for the conversion of methacrylonitrile as a function of the cyanide concentration of strain MA32.

FIG. 4 is a graph showing the relative activities for the conversion of methacrylonitrile as a function of the cyanide concentration of strain MA113.

FIG. 5 shows the time course of conversion of acetone cyanohydrin achieved with strain MA113.

FIG. 6 shows the time course of conversion of crude MHA nitrile achieved with strain MA32.

FIG. 7 schematically shows the restriction map of the expression vector pKE31.

3. Claim 10-26 are allowed.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christian L Fronda whose telephone number is (571)272-0929. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays between 9:00AM - 5:00PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on (571)272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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